

Laya dialect

Laya (Dzongkha: ལ་ཡ་ཁ་, ལ་ཡག་ཁ་; Wylie: *la-ya-kha*, *la-yag-kha*)^[3] is a Tibetic variety spoken by indigenous Layaps inhabiting the high mountains of northwest Bhutan in the village of Laya, Gasa District. Speakers also inhabit the northern regions of Thimphu (Lingzhi Gewog) and Punakha Districts. Its speakers are ethnically related to the Tibetans. Most speakers live at an altitude of 3,850 metres (12,630 ft), just below the Tsendagang peak. Laya speakers are also called *Bjop* by the Bhutanese, sometimes considered a condescending term. There were 1,100 speakers of Laya in 2003.^{[4][5]}

Laya is a variety of Dzongkha, the national language of Bhutan.^[6] There is a limited mutual intelligibility with Dzongkha, mostly in basic vocabulary and grammar.^[7]

See also

- Layap
- Laya Gewog
- Laya village
- Languages of Bhutan

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Laya	
ལ་ཡ་ཁ་ , <i>layakha</i>	
 <div>Layap woman in Laya Gewog</div>	
Native to	Bhutan
Region	Laya Gewog, Gasa District; northern Punakha District; Lingzhi Gewog, Thimphu District
Ethnicity	Layap
<div>Native speakers</div>	1,100 (2003) ^[1]
<div>Language family</div>	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tibeto-Kanauri ?<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bodish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tibetic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dzongkha–Lhokā<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dzongkha<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laya</div>
Writing system	Tibetan
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	lya
Glottolog	laya1253 (htt

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